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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £2,000,000 PAID UP CAPITAL £500,000

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THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to a had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS: Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

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ON CURRENT DEPOSITS ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1862

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital £8,296,677.07 Reserve Fund £8,506,650.31 Reserves Liability £8,296,677.07

COURT OF DIRECTORS: Chairman—J. S. MOORE, Esq. Deputy Chairman—S. C. MCGREGOR, Esq. H. L. DALMTRY, Esq. J. J. KEEWICK, Esq. T. E. DAVIES, Esq. C. J. HOLIDAY, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq.

Chief Manager—F. DE BOVIS, Esq. Manager—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq. LONDON OFFICES, LONDON AND COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED: On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

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Local Bills Discounted. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

Deposits granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 22, 1891. 1863

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on weekdays, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250, No one sum will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Interest on the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may be applied for on deposit for 12 months, at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a "Pass-Book" which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence on the business of the Bank, if desired, on "Zonghe," should be forwarded free by the nearest British Post Office in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, by the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, F. DE BOVIS, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 5, 1891. 1864

Intimations.

"CAMPHYLENE"
A NEW DISINFECTANT, GERMICIDE,
INSECTICIDE, AND ANTIMICROBE.

A Powerful and effective Non-poisonous and Non-corrosive Disinfectant for use in Sick Rooms, for fumigating Clothing, Bed Linen, &c., and for general use as an agreeable indoor Disinfectant for Closets, Lavatories, Sinks, &c.

It has a pleasant smell, and is similar to Camphor as regards its property of evaporation. The warmer the weather or climate the more effective is its action.

Prevents Moth in Clothes, Fur, Carpets, &c. Drives away Flies, Mosquitoes, and other Insects.

Camphylene to suit its various uses is manufactured in several forms, viz.—Balls, Solid Block, and Powder.

The Balls and Solid Blocks are sold in Tins at 50 Cents, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2 each. The Powder in Tins at 50 Cents, \$1 and \$1.50 each. The largest sizes are the cheapest in proportion.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

Sole Agents for

HONGKONG, CHINA, AND MANILA.

BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY, SHANGHAI

24, Nanjing Road.

BOTICA INDIA, MANILA,

14, Escuela.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON ROAD, CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHEW.

THE DISPENSARY, HANKOW.

THE DISPENSARY, TIENTSIN.

LONDON OFFICE,

106, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

28th April, 1891. 1865

SPLENDID ASSORTMENT

OF SUMMER DRESS MATERIALS.

PRINTS, ZEPHYRS, SATEENS, DELAINES, MUSLIMS, PONGEES,

EUROPEAN DRESSMAKING on the Premises.

W. POWELL & Co.

Business Notices.

CUMSHAW TEA



LANE, CRAWFORD & C°

HAVE the pleasure to inform the Community of Hongkong and neighbouring Ports, that they have made arrangements in Foochow for the SUPPLY of their MIXTURE of the CHOICEST NEW TEAS.

THE CUMSHAW MIXTURE.

which in the course of many years, has acquired a deservedly high reputation, as evidenced by the large demand for use here, the appreciation shown by friends at home to whom it has been sent, and the numerous orders received for it from old Hongkong residents in the Colonies and elsewhere.

MISSES. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. undertake to deliver this acceptable present to friends in the United Kingdom, free of any charge whatever on the home side, at

Per... 10-Catty Box ... \$1.50
Per... Catty Box ... 87.50

ORDERS are solicited for this Choice Tea, which will be forwarded by FIRST STEAMER, on receipt of the order.

Hongkong, June 20, 1891. 1241

BILLIARDS. PEAK HOTEL. 50 BEDROOMS.

VICTORIA GAP.—ADJOINING THE TRAMWAY.
WM. THOMAS, Manager. TELEPHONE NO. 29.

THE CUISINE is under the best supervision and every luxury obtainable is supplied.

TERMS.—\$4 per day to \$80 per month, including Tramway Tickets.

885 THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING CO., Limited, Proprietors.

W. POWELL & Co.

A RE NOW SHOWING

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. "Arabian" Appear having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GOWNS COMPANY'S Godowns, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 1st Proxime will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are also hereby informed that all Claims must be made before the departure of the Steamer, otherwise they will not be entertained.

Bills of Lading will be countermanded by

DAVID SASSON, Sons & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 25, 1891. 1211

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "AFGHAN" FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO are hereby informed that all Goods will be being landed

at the Wharfs into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GOWNS COMPANY'S at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Order will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-Morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st Proxime will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st July or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countermanded by

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 24, 1891. 1228

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF FIRMS.

NOTICE

I HAVE This Day commenced BUSINESS AS MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT AT HONGKONG AND CALCUTTA, under the Style of SHEWAN & Co.

MR. CHARLES ALEXANDER TOMES will Sign the Firm Name.

ROBERT SHEWAN.

Hongkong, June 9, 1891. 1165

NOTICE

I SHALL CONTINUE to carry on BUSINESS at AMOY and FORMOSA, as MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

FRANCIS CASS.

AMOY, 10th June, 1891. 1122

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned have This Day been appointed TEMPORARY GENERAL MANAGERS of the above COMPANY.

SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, June 11, 1891. 1178

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned have This Day been appointed TEMPORARY GENERAL MANAGERS of the above COMPANY.

Entertainments.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL.

THIS EVENING, 27th June.

M. R. G. E. O. C. M. I. L. N.,
supported by
MISS LOUISE JORDAN & COMPANY,
IN
BULWER LYTTON'S GREAT MASTERPIECE,
"RICHELIEU".

Mr. MILN...—CARDINAL RICHELIEU.
Miss JORDAN...—JULIE DE MORTENAI.

TUESDAY, 30th June.

MUCH ADG ABOUT NOTHING.

Prices:—82 and 81. Play at KELLY &
WALKER.

Hongkong, June 27, 1891. 1285

Intimations.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN AND
THE STRAITS LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

S HAREHOLDERS are reminded that
S THE THIRD INSTALMENT of ONE
FOUND FIVE SHILLINGS Sterling (£1 5s. 0d.)
per Share on the NEW ISSUE SHARES
(1891) IS PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the
BANK, No. 11, Queen's Road, on or before
30th JUNE, 1891.

DE WESTLEY LAYTON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, June 9, 1891. 1164

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

P ENDING the arrival of the ACTING
MANAGER and the Completion of the PAY-
MENT of the Second CALL of £2 per
Share has been POSTPONED until FRID-
AY, 31st July, 1891.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

L. DOWNES.

Hongkong, June 18, 1891. 1232

BAY VIEW HOTEL.

M R. OSBORNE begs to announce that
this convenient half-way House on
SHAUKIWA ROAD is now Open.

The Hotel commands a beautiful View,
and is situated in a cool and breezy spot.There is a convenient landing Jetty op-
posite the Hotel for launches.

The best Brands of WINES, LIQUORS,
CIGARS, &c., always in Stock. MEALS
can be served at any hour. Prompt at-
tendance.

Hongkong, May 14, 1891. 988

NOTICE.

IMURIS MINES, LIMITED.

T HE CALL of £1 per SHARE on the
NEW ISSUE must be PAID to the
Undersigned by a BANK DEMAND DRAFT
in their favor not later than TUES-
DAY, 2nd JULY, 1891, after which date INTER-
EST at the Rate of 10% (Ten Per Cent.)
Per Annum will be charged on Unpaid Calls.

PROVISIONAL SHARE CERTIFICATES are
now ready.JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 23, 1891. 1259

MAC'S AINE
SPECIAL BLEND OF
FINEST OLD VATTED
SCOTCH WHISKY,Of unsurpassed body and exquisite
and highly refined flavor.

Price, 80 per Case.

Sole Agent,

JOHN D. HUTCHISON.

Hongkong, October 30, 1890. 1875

THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL
NOW OPEN.A SELECT FAMILY and RESI-
DENTIAL HOTEL, situated 3,400 feet
above the sea level, commanding on the one
side a magnificent view of the Harbour
with the Hills in the distance, and on
the other side the Hills and mountains, with the
sea beyond dotted with islands as far as the
eye can reach, surrounded by extensive
promenades and pleasure grounds, includ-
ing three good Tennis Courts. The Mount
Pensioner alone is nearly an acre in
extent.The Hotel is complete with every accom-
modation for Families and Gentlemen.The Manager, Mr. ROBERT ISTERWOOD,
will be assisted by an Efficient Lady Staff,
and the Hotel will be conducted upon the
best English system. The accommodation
comprises a spacious Dining Hall, Private
Dining Room, Drawing, Reading, Smoking,
Gaming, Grill, Billiard, and Private Sitting
Rooms, with Fifty-four Bedrooms, each
provided with separate Bath-rooms and
every convenience.Train Tickets will be supplied to
Visitors at Reduced Rates.For Terms apply to the SECRETARY, at the
COMPANY'S OFFICE, 33 and 40, Queen's
Road Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, June 1, 1891. 1406

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

S HIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the
Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1455

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:CAMEROON, British ship, Captain B.
Carland.—Russell & Co.M. G. WARREY, British barque, Capt.
W. H. Smith.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

NICHOLAS, British barque, Capt. T. Morris.

—Hang Lee.

OMEGA, British barque, Captain A. V.
Brown.—Master.VERGOLINI, British barque, Captain R.
Martin.—Chambers.

NOTIFICATION.

(THE Undersigned, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Japan, hereby makes known for the information of British Subjects resident in, or resorting to, Japan, that he has received a Note from His Excellency the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs stating that the Regulations for the Inspection of Vessels, issued by the Imperial Japanese Government on the 23rd June, 1882, will be put in force from the 7th of June at the Port of Nagasaki in the case of all Vessels arriving, either directly or otherwise, from the Port of Bangkok, in Siam, or Malacca, places infected with Onder.

HUGH FRASER.

H.B.M.'s Legation,
Tokyo, June 8th, 1891.

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Hongkong, May 14, 1891. 988

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Names.Capt. GODFARD will be
despatched for the above
Port on MONDAY, the 29th Instant, at
Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, June 27, 1891. 1287

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
TAIWANFOO.The Co.'s Steamship
Names.Capt. GODFARD will be
despatched for the above
Port on TUESDAY, the 30th Instant, at
Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, June 27, 1891. 1288

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Honkong, June 27, 1891. 1291

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 26, 1891.

Taichow, Guruan steamer, 828 P.

Duhon, Deli June 18, General.—MEYER
& CO.

June 27:

Doria, German steamer, from Whampoa.

Elie, German steamer, 787, M. Jebsen,
Manila June 24, General.—JARDINE,
MATHESON & CO.Loo Sok, British steamer, 1,020, A. Ben-
zon, Bangkok June 21, Kite and General.—YEH FAH BO.City of Peking, American steamer, 3,120,
R. F. Seattle, San Francisco June 2, and
Yokohama 21, Mails and General.—P. M.
S. C. CO.Nanchang, British str., 1,100, C. A.
Colonna, Penang and Singapore July 21,
General.—BAU MOH & CO.Nanmoo, British steamer, 863, Goddard,
Singapore June 26, General.—DOUGLAS
STEAMSHIP CO.Poliphemus, British steamer, 1,813 W.
Lee, Foochow June 20, Tae.—BUTTERFIELD
& SWAIN.John, German steamer, 437, H. Bing,
Touron June 24, General.—WILCOX &
CO.Clara, German steamer, 676, H. Ipland,
Hongkong June 24, General.—A. R. MARTY.Cavazza, Master, will be
despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 4th July, at Noon.At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging
in VICTORIA DOCK.For further Particulars regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 27, 1891. 1288

STEAM TO STRAITS & BOMBAY.
(Calling at COLOMBO if sufficient
inducement offered.)The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
Names.Capt. G. L. LINDSAY,
Master, will leave for the above places at
Noon on SATURDAY, the 4th July.E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, June 27, 1891. 1289

CLEARED.

Chow Fa, for Swatow.

Alfred Hawley, for Pugel Sound.

Smith, for Swatow.

Nanchang, for Amoy.

Taichow, for Newchawng.

Hainan, for Swatow.

Ajez, for Amoy.

Gomee, for Robe and Vancouver.

Poliphemus, for Singapore and London.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.Por Hsi, from Manila, Mr. Wilson, and
Mr. Hui.

Por Loo Sok, from Bangkok, 48 Chinese.

Por City of Peking, from San Francisco.

4 European, and 120 Chinese.

Por Nanchow, from Penang, 588 Chinese.

Por Namea, from Swatow, 47 Chinese.

Por Poliphemus, from Foochow, Messrs
W. & B. Howson.Por Clara, from Haiphong, Mr. Schuler,
and 3 Chinese.

Por Canton, from Shanghai, &c. (6)

Messrs and Masters Bielek, and 35 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Por Austria, for New York, 2 Europeans.

Por Choyang, for Shanghai, 2 Europeans,

and 30 Chinese.

Por Yentia, for Singapore, 480 Chinese.

Por Poliphemus, for Foo

THE CHINA MAIL.

The W. S. Bourne has been situated and will be repaired at Yokohama.

The N. C. Daily News of Tuesday last says:—The Native got off Hell-spun Point at 11 p.m. on Sunday and came in to Wangung where she took on board the cargo she had been compelled to discharge. She left at 10.30 a.m. yesterday and the *China* returned to Shanghai yesterday afternoon.

JAPAN at one time imported silver bullion freely from America, but, according to the native papers, this has entirely ceased since the introduction of the Silver Bill in the United States. From the same source we learn that the import of Mexican dollars from America to Shanghai has been discontinued since June last year. —*Japan Gazette.*

Mr Sidney Gomez, who lately arrived from Ceylon, has been appointed Resident Surgeon to the China Bazaar Company's Hospital, Sandakan, British North Borneo. Mr. Gomez received his training in the Ceylon Medical College, an institution recognized by the General Medical Council and the Medical Corporations of the United Kingdom.

THE Pioneer says:—The War Office have, for some time past, had under consideration the question of raising a regiment in India to be stationed at Hongkong. The strength proposed is 1013 of men, with officers selected from the Royal Artillery Corp. The Government of India has accepted all the necessary information regarding recruiting terms, enlistment pay, allowances, and like. The regiment will probably be composed of Punjabis, Mahomedans, and others may be expected shortly regarding its formation.

The Achinians show such during that, one night, four of them approached a British coal vessel lying in Oshieh roadstead and boarded her. They had already got on the dock, when the crew drove them away with chunks of coal. An armed boat fruitfully put out from the guardship there in pursuit. Rumour has it that a full force of infantry, cavalry, and artillery will shortly land in Edi to operate against the Achinians bands there. The Rajah of Achin, a chief of the local supplies of arms, at the command, finds himself so hard put to it by the blockade that he has assumed a hostile attitude. He has notified to the Dutch authorities that unless the pressure of the blockade is lightened on his coast, he would take the field against the Dutch in Edi.

A SCANDAL has developed as a sequel of the visit of the Chinese to Colombo, in the course of his comprehensive Oriental excursion. It seems that the royal visitor on departing from that city left a number of valuable presents to be distributed among the officials whose duty and pleasure it had been to entertain him. In this he simply followed the universal custom on similar occasions. A difficulty arose, however, over the article of the gift. The *China* paper printed a statement, evidently official, describing the presents, and giving the names of the persons who were to receive them. Mr. Pearce, manager of the Ceylon railway, was according to this schedule, to become recipient of a scarf pin set in rubies and diamonds. He was naturally somewhat disappointed when the British consul, with whom the gifts had been left by the Cawnpore for despatch, handed him a set very expensive scarfpin as his share of the windfall. Mr. Pearce returned the ring to the consul, with an inquiry whether a mistake had not been made, and intimating very plainly that he considered himself entitled to a scarf pin, set in rubies and diamonds. The consul responded by sending the dissatisfied man a pin set in the same scarps as those which had been in the royal gift. This was accepted, and a demand for the present left to the Cawnpore, and a threat to sue the consul unless the desired article was forthcoming. The master has finally referred to the Governor, Sir Arthur Goulburn, for settlement. It is said that other prominent officials, besides the consul, are implicated in the unpleasant affair.

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

The second half-yearly meeting of this association was held yesterday evening at the association's rooms, College Chambers. The President (Capt. Ashton) opened the chair. The accounts, which were submitted and adopted, showed a balance in hand of \$243.95.

The President said he was glad to see they were not in debt, and that was a proud position to occupy in this colony at the present time. (Laughter.) He congratulated the members on the success of their efforts in connection with the Sunday Labour question. He could only regret that more officers had not joined the association. Some, he understood, grudged the small subscription of \$2 a month and others were afraid to join. He was sorry that these officers were so blind to their own interests and to the advantages of the association. One of these advantages was that they were affiliated with the London and Liverpool associations, and while they were in Hongkong they had the use of the association rooms, reading, lecture, &c., where they could meet with men of their class. He regretted also that several employers in the colony when they wanted an officer turned their eyes in the direction of the association, and the Secretary often received letters asking for officers. In conclusion, Capt. Ashton said he desired to say a few words with reference to the former hon. Secretary of the Association, Mr. Chesney Duncan. Mr. Duncan had done a great deal for the association. He had worked without any pecuniary reward and had worked very hard. In all probability the Association would not be in the proud position it now occupied had it not been for Mr. Chesney Duncan. (Applause.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

'THE TAOISM OF CHWANG-TSE.' To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.' June 27, 1891.

Six.—As many of your readers may not see the *China Review*, I wish through your paper to do a little bit of advertising—not for the *Review*, myself, but for the Truth's sake. In the forthcoming *China Review* will appear an article on the Taoism of Chwang-tse by W. F. Mearns, M.A., M.D., to which all students of the original Taoism of Chwang-tse, and especially the English translation, will do well to give heed. I have for many years given attention to Chwang-tse in the original, and I find there was a depth in him, and indeed in Lao-tze, which I had not noticed. From translation I never got any help. But Dr. Mearns, a Church of England missionary, recently came from Oxford with this article in his pocket, in which, as far as I can judge, a flood of light is thrown on the most marvellous book that China—ever produced. I do not say Dr. Mearns is an infallible guide, or that I have read Chwang-tse in this new light; but at present he is. Great is to me.

J. CHALMERS.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR. That the bill fathered by Mr. Keawick may not be known as the Lion's-share Bill. That keen personal interest and dull times have conspired to give the question the moment of attention and conversation. That it has swayed everybody's thoughts. That the discussion of the subject seemed to be complete when Mr. Baillie gave his views on the matter.

That many correspondents have touched upon different phases of the question, but Mr. Baillie has covered nearly all the ground in his able letter.

That as an investor he speaks as one in authority, and his experience ought to count for a great deal.

That, next to the unfortunate forward time-buyer, the steady investor has a distinct grievance against the bear who has stuck a stock to suit his own ends.

That the opponents of the bill readily acknowledge the evil and do no more than suggest insufficient remedies.

That the supporters of the bill have consistently stuck to the position that the sale of fictitious stocks is the root of the evil, and they go on to say that a two-months' term of contract, and the abolition of signing for 'the concerned,' may help towards an effective remedy.

That the postponement of the second reading has prolonged the excitement of threshing out the subject, and people are now very anxious to see how the official majority will shape up taking this option very seriously.

That it is believed the clause making it penal to sell shares without giving the numbers, will be expunged, as the parliament for selling unnumbered or non-existent shares being that the contract could not be enforced in law.

That many modifications in this and other directions must be fully considered before adoption, and I look with suspicion on anything which tends to weaken the bill.

That I hear the Brokers' Association are formulating a new scheme for stopping abuses in the Share Market, but it is not likely any new suggestion will be embodied therein.

That the evils of the share market have reached a point to be regarded as a burning question for many a past year.

That the subject is now nearly burnt out, and that the agitation raised by Mr. Keawick will bear good fruit.

That the new Central Market does not go up at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

That the Public Works Committee are believed to be wrestling with the problem, How to get a good market for less than half a million dollars.

That if designs for a market had been asked for, and the successful designer had been asked to build it, the market would by this time have been nearly, if not quite ready for occupation.

That it is said the Surveyor General has now a staff of about sixteen competent men, some of whom are looking for work to offer, the others to do.

That in another place but Hongkong work would have been distributed upon a very different system, and a name man from Home would not have been suggested and obtained for every new work mentioned.

That it is a hopeful sign when the unofficial members of Council begin to probe the questions raised in the P. W. D., and ascertain the red-tape in which that Department is swathed.

That intelligent remonstrance like that contained in the able Memorandum on Public Works accompanying last Estimates must have its effect.

That, as I have said before, it may be necessary to get the truth by a Commission, especially as regards the utterly disorganized condition of the P. W. D., the most frightfully costly public department in Hongkong.

That the tumults of a rising storm have been heard in connection with the Athelstane Club.

That the hearty spirit in which this thoroughly popular club was formed was refreshing and exceedingly creditable to the residents of the Colony.

That the enthusiasm was soon turned into honest indignation owing to the dog-in-the-manger attitude of one or two hypercritical objectors.

That the exasperating slowness of official movements, and the chances of Governors, have now seriously impeded the existence of that promising institution.

That there cannot be the slightest doubt that the officers of the Club have been and are doing all in their power to get the Club's affairs out of the official slough of despond in which they now are.

That the delinquent members would do well to see that it is not extended more than it has been.

That even red-tape has its limits, and the members of the Club may lose patience.

That it is pleasant to have the authority of a wise G. S. that turbulent water is not necessarily deleterious.

That I much prefer to mix my own lime and water.

That it is not often we hear of even official filter-beds being overtaxed by overwork.

That the total abstainer cannot be said to have a fair chance in this Colony, in spite of the F. G. S.'s assurance.

That the Hon. Walter Merlestone Deane—one of the original 'boys' of Sir Richard MacDonnell's time—leaves the service and the Colony in a day or two.

That Mr. Deane has done good and honest service for the Colony, for nearly thirty years, and he will take with him the genuine good wishes of many old friends.

That a wave of the riot scare has reached as far as Canton, and a gunboat has been sent to that port to prevent any trouble that may have been brewing.

That the Shamian residents were caught napping eight years ago, when the riots of 1883 resulted the riots run by foreign devils in the good old days.

That they were fully justified in taking time by the forelock on this occasion. That Edison's latest is combined photography and phonography.

That the result is, of course, a 'speaking likeness.'

That in this way will Science perpetuate not only our features but our follies.

That the wife of my bosom threatens to besiege me with a phonograph charged with all the curtain lectures to which I have referred to lend ear.

That it is strange Edison has never turned his attention to a mosquito trap.

That perhaps the great inventor has never turned his thoughts to these blessings in disguise.

That the Portuguese Foreign Minister has assumed the cause of the Italian.

That in order to support his calculations, the Marquis at Raith and I've joined have been cautioned to keep the production of gold within bounds.

That it is a curious fact that every house at the Peak is situated just below the fog line.

That also every man's neighbour is more foggy than himself.

That England is to become the New Jerusalem for 60,000 Jews.

That Baron Hirsch is the modern Moses,

and it is hoped he may, like his pro-

totyper, be at least forty years in reaching his destination.

That the Admiralty, persist in making a Naval Prison of the *Viceroy Emerald*, in face of all the evidence against it.

That a question in the House of Commons is perhaps the only remedy.

That short drill and short commons are sufficient punishment in a hot climate, without being immured in stifling cells on the lower deck of an old hulk, sodden with bilge water, with the certainty of being sunk down with favor after a week of it.

That Jack must be kept in order, in true enough, but not by means of a second 'black hole' of China.

BROWNIE.

RAUB. Singapore, 15th June.—The following telegram from the Manager in charge at Raub has been received by Mr. Bibby:

'Have struck rich quartz in veins on Western Lodge. Gold plainly visible throughout.'

DRIVERS OF OMNIBUS DRIVEN IN PAES. London, May 22.—It is reported that the *Charter*, which has gone to Brazil to obtain from the French Admiral an explanation of his aggressive policy in claiming all fish in St. George's Bay, Newfoundland, has been seized an ironclad to St. George's Bay.

LONDON. London, May 25.—Street traffic is almost paralysed owing to a strike of omnibus drivers.

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